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Notice of Abandonment

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 13 July 2005.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☒ A reply was received on 31 October 2005 but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

See Continuation Sheet



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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Item 7 - Other reasons for holding abandonment: The reply filed on October 31, 2005 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant represents claim 18 as previously entered, and provides no indication of amendment. The last time claim 18 was amended was in the response received March 7, 2005, so claim 18 submitted October 31, 2005 should be the same. This is not the case. Obviously, the an introductory line "A rope cleat which comprises:" (line 1 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been left out, the punctuation at the end of line 2 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18 is missing, "first spindle" (line 5 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been changed to "spindle", the passage "whereby said rope is retained between said abutment surface and said first cam surface when said cover is in a retain position" (lines 22-24 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been completely left out and "said cover" (line 26 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been changed to "said cover means". Similarly, the last time claim 20 was amended was in the response received March 7, 2005, so claim 20 submitted October 31, 2005 should be the same. This is not the case. With respect to claim 20, "is" (line 13 of the March 7, 2005 claim 20) has been changed to "I" in the current amendment and "surface and abutment surface by said first cam" (lines 13-14 of the March 7, 2005 claim 20) has been left out. Applicant through his representative was notified repeatedly how to make amendments to correct this application and failed to do so properly. Applicant has represented claims 18 and 20 as unchanged, yet they are substantially changed. Applicant was NOT given additional time from the time period begun October 20, 2005. .